

# Siena Italian Studies

What was my project?

I participated in the Siena Italian Studies study abroad program, which focused on language development and service opportunities.



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What motivated me to select this project?

Studying abroad allowed me to improve my language skills, and gave me the chance to grow as an individual.



How was my STEP project transformational?

In terms of personal problems, I learned how to effectively handle them without putting too much stress on myself. I worked on my biases towards specific groups of people to become a more accepting person.

